

Wichita Daily Eagle

HUNT FOR A DIAMOND THIEF.

The Man Located After a Search Lasting a Year.

After a year's almost continuous search the principal of the daring diamond robbery of May 1, 1890, in Cincinnati, has been discovered, and he is in the Michigan penitentiary on seven years' sentence. It turns out that he is among the most famous thieves of the day, and under various names is more or less in demand in many places. His real name is Clarence Prentice Tiller, and his life is a romance in crime.



C. P. TILLER.

But a few years ago (for he is still young) he was a nominally honest lad in Louisville, Ky., where his father and brothers still reside. He obtained a confidential position in the St. Louis office of the Southern Pacific express and astonished the world by getting away with \$94,000 in cash and about \$20,000 worth of jewelry. The execution of the robbery was adroit, and his subsequent movements were bungling. He and his "pal" lay concealed in St. Louis a few days, then divided the sum and separated. Tiller going to Milwaukee. There he carried a valise so old and rotten that when he sat it down in a hotel it burst and the money fell out, thus causing his speedy arrest. For this robbery he and George McFadden got five years each in the Missouri penitentiary.

On the 1st of May, 1890, Tiller and William Burns tried the grab game on a tray of diamonds at Michie's jewelry store in Cincinnati in the busiest hour of the day, and with a crowd in pursuit Tiller escaped with the diamonds, but Burns was taken and consigned to the Ohio state prison for seven years. Then Detective Ralph Crawford began the long search for Tiller. Several times he thought he had him located, but when Mr. Henry Michie, from whom the tray of diamonds was snatched, took a view at the suspected, he declared it was not the man. In July, 1890, a man who gave his name as C. H. Price was sent up from Detroit for raising a check. He was just handling the \$1,400 received for it when arrested.

The St. Louis detectives soon discovered that the friends of the Cincinnati diamond thief, Burns, were all friends of the new convict in Jackson, Mich., and two of them had lately visited there to see what they could do for him. On this hint Mr. Michie and Detective Crawford went to Jackson, and at the first glance the former identified "Price" as the long-sought Tiller. He refused to give any information about the diamonds, and when assured that after his seven years at Jackson were out he would get seven more in Ohio, he coolly replied, "A good many things may happen in seven years—maybe I won't be here, and maybe some of us will be underground."

THE WORLD IS HOLLOW.

The Strange Views Entertained by a California Society.

Of the many queer little societies in the United States, one of the very queerest is the "Koreshan," which numbers some forty people, and lives in a group of houses at 220 Noe street, San Francisco. The Koreshans have got the scheme of the universe down fine. It is revealed to them that this MRS. FRANK JACKSON, world is hollow, and we live on the inside of it. "The moon," says Koresh, "is but an idle shadow of the earth."

The everyday business name of their prophet and chief is Dr. Teed, but his devotees call him sometimes Cyrus, but most generally Koresh. The members of the sect are all of the same age, and there is no marriage in their system. When husband and wife join they must live apart and only meet as brother and sister in the lecture room, which is all very well when both are suited, but when one partner joins and the other doesn't the case is awkward. And this is the little hitch which has brought the law into play and for some time has been the cause of much trouble to the Koreshans, particularly in the case of Mr. and Mrs. Frank Jackson, who have been separated by the "Koresh" since he was once a physician. One day he was "illuminated," and straightway proceeded to make converts in Chicago, where he still has a congregation.

Some of the members were wealthy when they joined, but it all went to the moon pot. One of them was a beautiful and talented opera singer, who went to San Francisco with the Hess company. Koresh has prophesied that he will die a martyr's death. Some of his disciples expect that he will be murdered by some worldly-wise family peace he has invaded. Others declare that he will be snatched to heaven in a chariot of fire.

The "Gentleman Burglar."

Police circles in New York and Boston are interested by a recent dispatch to the effect that a man who had been in the notorious Billy Porter, who was last year sentenced in France to twenty-two years' imprisonment, has escaped. This person, whose real name is William O'Brien, long figured as one of the most skillful "cracksmen" living. He was born in Boston about forty-two years ago and took to crime at an early age. His first recorded arrest was in 1872, since which time his exploits and escapes have been many.

Early in 1881 he was sentenced for five years for robbing a Providence, R. I., jewelry store. During his term he inherited \$12,000 by the death of his mother, and on his release went to Europe. There he and "Shower Mike," Michael Korta, operated so successfully that in two years they returned with \$85,000 each. Soon after he went again to Europe, where he was known as the "gentleman burglar"—his dress and style being very attractive—and married an English girl of good family. The French and English police, that his unlawful gains in England, France and Germany amounted to \$250,000.

Extremely Odd.

"Wasn't he leaving Wall street rather odd?" "Yes. Very odd. He came out even."

Might Do.

"Your play is good enough," said the veteran manager after he had read it through, "but it needs a better title than 'Sticks and Stones Than a Brother.' With such a name as that it won't draw worth a cent."

"How would 'The Mustard Plaster' do?"

suggested the struggling author anxiously.—Chicago Tribune.

THREE GREAT QUESTIONS

MATTERS TO BE CONSIDERED BY THE PRESBYTERIAN ASSEMBLY.

The Meeting at Detroit May Prove One of the Momentous Religious Gatherings of the Century—The Topics to Be Discussed.

The general assembly of the Presbyterian church at Detroit promises as great results as those which followed the assembly in 1850, when the church divided upon the slavery question. The 700 delegates represent 6,138 ministers, 8,840 churches and 775,000 members. Three questions of great importance will be decided. These are the revision of the Westminster Confession, the report of the committee on a new creed, and the change in the rule for amending the constitution. There will also be an effort to reinstate the order of deacons, which measure has enemies as bitter as Fort Street church, its friends are warm. The committee on the revision of the creed will bring in a new article defining the authority of the Bible, and as the assembly will largely be composed of conservatives its fate is very problematical.

The personal fight will also be important, the hottest one being in reference to the case of Dr. Briggs, of the Union Theological seminary of New York, for his advanced or unitarianistic views of the authority of the Bible. There will also be a vast amount of routine business. Detroit has had two other Presbyterian assemblies, one of which met in the old historic Fort Street church, where the coming one will be held. The society was organized in 1849, and the present building, confessedly one of the finest edifices in the country, was erected in 1877. The pastor is Rev. Wallace Radcliffe, D. D. He was born in Pittsburgh, graduated from Washington and Jefferson college, and was taught theology in the Princeton university. He is one of the most popular pastors in Detroit, and has crowded years at every service. He lives in a palace of a house and draws a fine salary from his rich parish. He is very ecclesiastical in dress and appearance, but is one of the pleasantest men to meet one would find in a day's travel.

Another brilliant and classically eloquent Detroit preacher is Rev. Howard Duffield, D. D., of the Westminster Presbyterian church. This congregation was colonized from the Fort Street church in 1857. Its present home was built in 1881, and is a modern pile of huge dimensions, covering nearly an acre. It has a flock of 700 members and is growing rapidly because of the wonderful sermons its young pastor preaches. He was born at Princeton, N. J., and lived there all his life until he received his education and entered the active ministry. He is a tireless worker, and is regarded by the heads of the church as the coming young man. He is thirty-seven years old.

The mother of Presbyterianism and also of Protestantism in Detroit is the First church. It was started in 1818, and has just moved to a \$100,000 temple on Woodward avenue. Its pastor is Rev. Marcus A. Brownson, who is but thirty-two years old, and yet has the spiritual adventuring to do for 600 souls. He was born at Washington, Pa. Dr. Dickie was born at Kilmarnock, Scotland, forty-five years ago, and is intensely conservative. His congregation numbers about 600 members, and every one of them is Scotch. This is the doctor's first pastorate in America.

The man who looks after Senator McMillan's spiritual welfare is Rev. W. W. Carson, who had a terrible time getting into the United States after he had been hired by the small Jefferson avenue congregation to do its preaching. He was a Methodist in Canada. A delegation from his new parish went to where he was preaching and engaged him. When about to begin work he was informed that his case came within the restrictions of the alien contract labor law, and he would be compelled to go back to Canada. Senator McMillan, it is said, devised a plan whereby the law might be avoided in this particular case. Mr. Carson returned to Canada. He then married in Detroit as a private citizen. He remained there a week or so, and then was engaged for the Jefferson church, and the customs officers said the law had thus been observed, and nothing further was said. He preached to the millionaires, and a very large section of Detroit. Four hundred sittings in his pulpit. He is forty-five years old, and is very English in appearance and speech. He was a school chum of Sir John Macdonald, the Canadian leader. Mr. Carson says it is easy for a Methodist to become a Presbyterian, as the doctrine of the two denominations are very much alike.

The Course Was Merely Postponed. One person in America is bound to have a thorough education even if it does take a long while. Next fall a gentleman fifty-three years of age will enter the class of Princeton college. During the civil war he was a sophomore in that institution, but left to fight for the north. As he considers that the late unpleasantness is about settled now, he intends to return and finish his college course. Doubtless he will fraternize with the other boys, and have all the fun there is.

Strong in Death.

Friend of the Editor (in newspaper office at 2 a. m.)—You seem to be awfully tickled over that article you are writing.

Editor—It's a short announcement that this is the last issue of The Morning Corsicrow. We can't keep the paper going any longer. I'm going to slap this in the form and go to press.

Friend—Can't see anything in that to be joyful over.

Editor—Why, blame it, man, we scoop every paper in town on it!

Unsettled Man.

She—It's a bull, and he's coming right at me! What shall we do?

He—Well, don't stand there doing nothing! Come and help me to climb this tree!—Munsey's Weekly.

Made Some Difference.

"Yes," she murmured, "I loved him. He was not worthy of me, but I felt I could not give him up. So my parents took me across the ocean."

"Did that make any difference in your feelings?"

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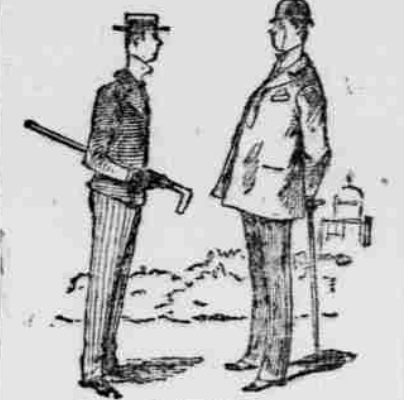
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A Victim of Fashion.

Wearily Watkins—What's become of Miserable Johnson? He oughter been along here a week ago. He's in jail. He was trying to enter this new overcoater upon fashion at the boss of the beanyer ketching him in the act.—Indianapolis Journal.

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AT COLLEGE.

First Undergraduate—I shall go into politics.

Second Ditto—Finance for me. My tastes are all in that direction.



TEN YEARS LATER.

Proof Positive.

A Texas lawyer has a month that frequently travels faster than his brain when he makes a speech. In a recent case, in which he was defending a man charged with theft, he brought down the court, jury and spectators by saying excitedly:

"Gentlemen of the jury, you have heard me demonstrate the utter innocence of my client. You have also heard the testimony of the prisoner's own boy in corroboration of what I have stated, and now, gentlemen of the jury, let me remind you of that old scriptural saying that 'fools and children always tell the truth.' What more convincing proof do you require?"—Texas Sittings.

Her Preference.

They tell a story of Mrs. Jones of Chicago, who visited Rome and while there was shown some of the great marble masterpieces of the world, among others the Apollo Belvidere. They pointed it out to her as being the most perfect form of man that had ever been conceived by the brain of an artist, and the old woman walked all around it, looked at it from every point of view, and she says:

"That's the Apollo Belvidere, is it?"

"Yes."

"Well, give me Jones." [Loud laughter and applause.]—Recent Speech of Robert Ingersoll.

The Regular Routine.

Visitor (at newspaper office)—Want something good for your paper tomorrow morning? Here's an idea I thought of just now. You can fix it up to suit yourself. You know the name of this boat that started for the arctic regions the other day—the Kite, you know? Well, she ought to be able to get higher up, you know, than any other—

Editor (pressing lever with his foot and calling monotonously down the speaking tube)—There goes No. 949. Clear away the remains below there and push the trap door up again.—Chicago Tribune.

No Perceptible Difference.

Charlie—I was at the Depeyesters' ball last night, and staid so late that I feel horribly dull and stupid this morning. Amy—Why, I thought you were just as bright as usual.—Chicago Saturday Evening Herald.

An Equivalent.

Master (to valet)—Sorry I can't pay you last month's wages, but as time is money I'll give you a month's holiday.—Il Mondo Umoristico.

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